Manistee County Broadband Initiative

WHO is involved?

The Manistee County Broadband Initiative, facilitated by the Alliance for Economic Success, is working to enhance and expand broadband **access, adoption** and **use** throughout the County for the benefit of local residents and businesses. To that end, AES has partnered with Connect Michigan and their "Connected Community" program to assess the present state of broadband in Manistee County and establish a broadband planning process and plan to address our current and future broadband needs.

WHAT is being done?

To perform an assessment of Manistee County's current broadband environment, surveys are available that seek information from local residents, businesses and other organizations across the County. Responses to these surveys will help us better understand the existing resources and capabilities we now have to support our **access, adoption** and **use** of broadband technology in our homes and businesses. After a structured evaluation of this assessment, we'll then develop appropriate action plans and projects to improve our broadband environment most effectively.

WHEN will this take place?

Our Community Broadband Assessment and related surveys is available from June 1, 2016 and continue through September 14, 2016. Results from this work will be shared with the public later this fall, followed by additional work to develop a county-wide Action Plan to address identified areas of need.

HOW can you help?

Your participation in the appropriate broadband survey and overall support of our efforts are very important in developing an accurate assessment of broadband availability and related needs in Manistee County. To take the survey as a resident, a business owner or a designated representative of another organization, please go to http://connectmycommunity.org/manistee-county/ and select the appropriate option. Use your computer or smart phone to take the survey. And please share this information with your peers and encourage others to take our survey!